Colchester Public Schools

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BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

Second Reading 4/20/2022
Replaces Existing Policy (CABE model policy)

1. ~~If a vacancy occurs on the Colchester Board of Education (the "Board"), the remaining members of the Board shall fill such vacancy at a meeting or a special meeting convened for that purpose. Pursuant to Town Charter requirements, the vacancy must be filled by a Colchester resident who is a member of the same party~~ **~~of the exiting member.~~**

   In the event of a vacancy on the Colchester Board of Education, the remaining members of the Board within 60 days of the start of such vacancy, shall appoint by majority vote a Successor Member (the "Successor Member") to membership on that board. The Successor Member shall be a member of the same political party as the prior member, or if the prior member was not affiliated with any political party, then such Successor Member shall also not be affiliated with any political party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the prior member has changed political parties or has become unaffiliated subsequent to being elected, then the Successor Member shall be a member of the prior member's political party (or unaffiliated, if applicable) at the time such prior member was elected. The Successor Member shall hold such membership until the next Municipal Election at which time a successor shall be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the prior member if applicable.

2. A member resigning from the Board should present~~, or have presented,~~ a written letter of resignation to the Board Chair ~~or at a regular meeting of the Board~~. Having accepted a letter of resignation, or having become aware of a vacancy created by means other than the resignation of a Board member, the Board will schedule the election of a replacement at the next regular Board meeting or at a special meeting convened for such purpose.
3. The Superintendent will advertise the vacancy and application process in the local newspaper. All applications will be submitted to the office of the First Selectman.

4. Said election, made by the majority of the Board and recorded in the minutes of that meeting, shall be in effect until the next regular Town election, at which a successor shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term. The official ballot shall specify the vacancy to be filled.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-219 Procedures for filling vacancy on local board of education

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Bylaw Revised: